

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A telephone dialing method for call completion comprising:

Monitoring and storing a subscriber initiated dial string, and;

Determining whether the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, and;

Allowing the subscriber initiated dial string to be placed on the telephone network without further intervention if the subscriber initiated dial string is complete, and;

Parsing together a default dial prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string if the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, wherein a complete telephone number with the default dial prefix is created, and;

Placing the complete telephone number, which comprises the default dial prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string, on the telephone network for call completion.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the monitoring further comprises listening for DTMF data representing the subscriber initiated dial string.

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Please add Claims 3-16 as follows:

3. (New) The method of Claim 2 wherein the storing further comprises storing only the DTMF data that occurs before timing out of the monitoring.

4. (New) The method of Claim 3 wherein the determining further comprises subtracting a first number of digits captured in the subscriber initiated dial string from a pre-determined number wherein if the result is equal to a second number of digits representing the number of digits contained in the default dial prefix, then the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete.

5. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id block code.

6. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id send code.

7. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a 1+ dial code.

8. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the placing further comprises: effecting at least one hook switch flash for telephone line interruption, and;
dialing the complete telephone number.

9. (New) In an apparatus for telephone call completion, the apparatus for telephone call completion comprising a computing device, a program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for call completion, said method steps comprising:

Monitoring and storing a subscriber initiated dial string, and;
Determining whether the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, and;

Allowing the subscriber initiated dial string to be placed on the telephone network without further intervention if the subscriber initiated dial string is complete, and;

Parsing together a default dial prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string if the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, wherein a complete telephone number with the default dial prefix is created, and;

Placing the complete telephone number, which comprises the default dial prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string, on the telephone network for call completion.

10. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the monitoring further comprises listening for DTMF data representing the subscriber initiated dial string.

11. (New) The method of Claim 10 wherein the storing further comprises storing only the DTMF data that occurs before timing out of the monitoring.

12. (New) The method of Claim 11 wherein the determining further comprises subtracting a first number of digits captured in the subscriber initiated dial string

from a pre-determined number wherein if the result is equal to a second number of digits representing the number of digits contained in the default dial prefix, then the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete.

13. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id block code.

14. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id send code.

15. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a 1+ dial code.

16. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the placing further comprises: effecting at least one hook switch flash for telephone line interruption, and; dialing the complete telephone number.

17. (New) An apparatus for telephone call completion, comprising:
means for allowing a user to define a default dialing prefix, and;

means for notifying the user of the default dialing prefix, and;

means for monitoring and storing a subscriber initiated dial string, and;

means for determining whether the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, and;

means for allowing the subscriber initiated dial string to be placed on the telephone network without further intervention if the subscriber initiated dial string is complete, and;

means for parsing together the default dialing prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string if the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, wherein a complete telephone number with the default dial prefix is created, and;

means for placing the complete telephone number, which comprises the default dial prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string, on the telephone network for call completion.

18. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17 whcrcin the means for determining further comprises means for subtracting a first number of digits captured in the subscriber initiated dial string from a prc-determined number wherein if the result is equal to a second number of digits rcpresenting the number of digits contained in the default dial prefix, then the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete.

19. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for parsing further comprises means for adding a caller id block code.

20. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17 whcrcin the means for parsing further comprises means for adding a caller id send code.

21. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for parsing further comprises means for adding a 1+ dial code.

22. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for placing further comprises:

means for effecting at least one hook switch flash for telephone line interruption, and;

means for dialing the complete telephone number.